

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A content reproduction device ~~that which~~ reproduces a stream media content that is linked to from a multimedia content written in a markup language used for Web browsing, wherein a state of the reproduction of the stream media content can be changed according to an instruction by a user and the reproduction of the stream media content is performed for a predetermined consecutive period of time, ~~said the content reproduction device~~ comprising:

a display unit operable to display the multimedia content;

a reproducing unit operable to reproduce the stream media content that is linked to from the displayed multimedia content;

a reproduction state change accepting unit operable to accept, from ~~[[a]]~~ the user, reproduction state change information indicating a change in ~~a reproduction~~ the state of the reproduction of the stream media content by the reproducing unit; and

a return position determining unit operable to determine, ~~based on~~ according to the reproduction state change information and based on whether (i) all of the stream media content has been reproduced by the reproducing unit or (ii) only a portion of the stream media content has been reproduced by the reproducing unit ~~accepted by said reproduction state change-accepting unit,~~ a return position indicating a portion of in the multimedia content to be displayed for a transition when transitioning from reproducing the stream media content back to displaying the multimedia content when after the reproduction of the stream media content by the reproducing unit has ~~is~~ ended,

wherein ~~said the~~ display unit is operable to display the portion of the multimedia content

indicated by ~~located in the determined~~ return position.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ return position determining unit is operable to obtain a transition condition table describing a relationship between the state of the reproduction of the stream media content state and the return position, and to determine the return position based on the transition condition table and the reproduction state change information.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 2, further comprising a storing unit in which the multimedia content, the stream media content, ~~and~~ the transition condition table and the accepted reproduction state change information are stored, wherein ~~said the~~ reproducing unit is operable to reproduce the stored stream media content,
said wherein the display unit is operable to display the stored multimedia content, and
said wherein the return position determining unit is operable to determine the return position based on the stored transition condition table and the stored reproduction state change information.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 2, further comprising a receiving unit operable to receive, from a server via a network, the multimedia content, the stream media content and the transition condition table,
wherein ~~said the~~ reproducing unit is operable to reproduce the received stream media

content,

~~said~~wherein the display unit is operable to display the received multimedia content, and
saidwherein the return position determining unit is operable to determine the return
position based on the received transition condition table and the accepted~~received~~ reproduction
state change information.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 1,
wherein the return position includes~~is~~ at least two different URLs.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 2,
wherein the reproduction state change information includes at least one of stop, fast-
forward, rewind and or pause as ~~a change in the change in the state of the reproduction state~~, and
includes time information indicating a time when the change in the state of the reproduction is
made ~~in the reproduction state~~, and

~~said~~wherein the return position determining unit is operable to determine, with reference
to the state of the reproduction state ~~which that~~ corresponds to the time information, the return
position based on whether or not a transition condition described in the transition condition table
is satisfied.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 2,
wherein ~~said~~the return position determining unit is operable to determine, as the return position,
a default return position that~~which~~ is previously determined or determined without conditions,

in ~~the a case when~~ where the return position corresponding to the reproduction state change information is not described in the transition condition table.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 1, wherein at least a first content and a second content are included in the multimedia content to be displayed by the display unit after the reproduction of the stream media content has is ended, and

~~said~~wherein the display unit is operable (a) to display the first content in ~~the case where a case when~~ the reproduction state change ~~information-change information~~ is accepted before-until the reproduction of the stream media content ~~is~~ has ended, and (b) to display the second content in ~~the case where a case when~~ the reproduction state change ~~information-change information~~ is not accepted until the reproduction of the stream media content ~~is~~ has ended.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 8, wherein ~~said~~the display unit is operable (a) to display the first content in ~~the case where a case when~~ the reproduction state change ~~information-change information~~ includes one of fast-forward and stop, and (b) to display the second content in ~~the case where a case when~~ the reproduction state change ~~information-change information~~ includes neither of fast-forward and stop.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 1, further comprising a reproduction history storing unit ~~that-which~~ holds a history of the reproduction state change information,

wherein, upon receiving the reproduction state change information from ~~said~~the reproduction state change accepting unit and changing the state of the reproduction-state, ~~said~~the reproducing unit is operable to notify ~~said~~the reproduction history storing unit of the reproduction state change information, and

wherein, after the reproduction of the stream media content ~~has~~is ended, ~~said~~the return position determining unit is operable to read the history of the reproduction state change information held in ~~said~~the reproduction history storing unit, and to determine the return position.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 2-~~Claim 1~~, further comprising a reading unit operable to read, via a storage medium, at least one of the stream media content, the multimedia content, and the transition condition table.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 1,

wherein, upon receiving the reproduction state change information from ~~said~~the reproduction state change accepting unit and changing the state of the reproduction-state, ~~said~~the reproducing unit is operable to notify ~~said~~the return position determining unit of the reproduction state change information, and

wherein, after the reproduction of the stream media content ~~has~~is ended, ~~said~~the return position determining unit is operable to determine the return position based on the reproduction state change information.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the return position determining unit holds a state of the reproduction that ~~which~~ changes each time the reproduction state change information is received from ~~said~~the reproducing unit, and is operable to determine the return position based on the state of the reproduction after the reproduction of the stream media content has ~~is~~ ended, ~~and~~ ~~—— said display unit is operable to display the multimedia content located in the return position.~~

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the display unit holds a state of the reproduction that ~~which~~ changes each time the reproduction state change information is received from ~~said~~the reproducing unit, and wherein, after the reproduction of the stream media content has ~~is~~ ended, ~~said~~the display unit is operable to determine the return position according to the state of the reproduction and notify ~~said~~the return position determining unit of the return position.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the reproducing unit holds a state of the reproduction that ~~which~~ changes each time the state of the reproduction of reproducing the stream media content is changed, and is operable, after the reproduction of the stream media content has ~~is~~ ended, to determine the return position according to the state of the reproduction, and to notify ~~said~~the return position determining unit of the return position.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 14, wherein, after the reproduction of the stream media content ~~is~~ has ended, one of ~~said~~the display unit and ~~said~~the reproducing unit is operable to read the state of the reproduction and a history of the reproduction state change information held in ~~said~~the reproduction history storing unit, to determine the return position, and to notify ~~said~~the return position determining unit of the return position.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the return position determining unit is operable to (a) determine a screen for exempting charging, as the return position of the multimedia content, ~~in the case where a case~~ when the reproduction state change information is not found until the reproduction of the stream media content ~~is~~ has ended, and (b) determine a screen for charging, as the return position of the multimedia content, ~~in the case where a case when~~ the reproduction state change information ~~change~~ information is found before ~~until~~ the reproduction of the stream media content ~~is~~ has ended.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended) A server apparatus ~~that~~ which distributes a multimedia content written in a markup language used for Web browsing and a stream media content that is linked to from the multimedia content, to a content reproduction device,

wherein a state of reproduction of the steam media content by the content reproduction device can be changed according to an instruction by a user and the reproduction of the stream media content is to be performed for a predetermined consecutive period of time,

wherein the content reproduction device determines a return position indicating a portion of the multimedia content to be displayed when transitioning from reproducing the stream media content back to displaying the multimedia content when the reproduction of the stream media has ended, and

wherein the content reproduction device determines the return position based on (i) reproduction state change information indicating a change in the state of reproduction of the stream media content, (ii) a transition condition table received from the server apparatus, and (iii) whether all of the stream media content has been reproduced or only a portion of the stream media content has been reproduced,

~~said~~ the server apparatus comprising:

_____ a table generating unit operable to generate ~~[[a]]~~ the transition condition table describing a relationship between ~~(a) a reproduction~~ the state of the reproduction of the stream media content ~~in~~ by the content reproduction device, and ~~(b) a transit destination in the~~ multimedia content in accordance with the state of the reproduction state; and

a transmitting unit operable to transmit the transition condition table to the content reproduction device.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended) A content reproduction method used by a content reproduction device ~~that which~~ reproduces a stream media content that is linked to from a multimedia content written in a markup language used for Web browsing, wherein a state of the reproduction of the stream media content can be changed according to an instruction by a user and the reproduction of the stream media content is performed for a predetermined consecutive

period of time, said the content reproduction method comprising:

a display step of displaying the multimedia content;

a reproduction step of reproducing the stream media content that is linked to from the displayed multimedia content;

a reproduction state change acceptance step of accepting, from ~~[[a]]~~ the user,
reproduction state change information indicating a change in ~~a reproduction~~ the state of the reproduction of the stream media content by the reproduction step; and

a return position determination step of determining, ~~based on~~ according to the reproduction state change information accepted in the reproduction state change acceptance step, and based on whether (i) all of the stream media content has been reproduced by the reproduction step or (ii) only a portion of the stream media content has been reproduced by the reproduction step, a return position indicating a portion of ~~in~~ the multimedia content to be displayed when transitioning from reproducing the stream media content back to displaying the multimedia content when ~~for a transition after~~ the reproduction of the stream media content by the reproduction step has ~~is~~ ended,

wherein, in ~~said~~ the display step, the portion of the multimedia content indicated by ~~located in~~ the determined return position is displayed.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction method according to Claim 19, wherein, in the return position determination step, a transition condition table describing a relationship between the state of the reproduction-state and the return position is obtained, and the return position is determined based on the transition condition table and the reproduction

state change information.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium having a program recorded thereon, the program being used by a content reproduction device which that reproduces a stream media content that is linked to from a multimedia content written in a markup language used for Web browsing, wherein a state of the reproduction of the stream media content can be changed according to an instruction by a user and the reproduction of the stream media content is performed for a predetermined consecutive period of time, said the program causing the content reproduction device to execute a method comprising:

a display step of displaying the multimedia content;

a reproduction step of reproducing the stream media content that is linked to from the displayed multimedia content;

a reproduction state change acceptance step of accepting, from [[a]] the user, reproduction state change information indicating a change in a reproduction the state of the reproduction of the stream media content by the reproduction step; and

a return position determination step of determining, based on according to the reproduction state change information accepted in the reproduction state change acceptance step, and based on whether (i) all of the stream media content has been reproduced by the reproduction step or (ii) only a portion of the stream media content has been reproduced by the reproduction step, a return position indicating a portion of in the multimedia content to be displayed when transitioning from reproducing the stream media content back to displaying the multimedia content when for a transition after the reproduction of the stream media content by

the reproduction step has is ended,

wherein, in ~~said~~the display step, the portion of the multimedia content indicated by-
~~located in~~ the determined return position is displayed.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable recording medium-program~~
according to Claim 21, wherein, in the return position determination step, a transition condition
table describing a relationship between the state of the reproduction-state and the return position
is obtained, and the return position is determined based on the transition condition table and the
reproduction state change information.

Claim 23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 2,
wherein the return position ~~is~~ includes at least two different URLs.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended) The content reproduction device according to Claim 15,
wherein, after the reproduction of the stream media content ~~is~~ has ended, one of ~~said~~the display
unit and ~~said~~the reproducing unit is operable to read the state of the reproduction and a history of
the reproduction state change information held in ~~said~~the reproduction history storing unit, to
determine the return position, and to notify ~~said~~the return position determining unit of the return
position.

Claim 26 (Cancelled)

Claim 27 (New) The content reproduction device according to Claim 1,

wherein the reproduction state change information includes at least a reproduction history indicating a relationship between the state of the reproduction and time information, and

wherein the return position determining unit obtains transition condition information describing a relationship between (a) a return condition defined by the state of the reproduction and the time information and (b) the return position, and determines the return position based on whether or not the reproduction history included in the reproduction state change information satisfies the return condition included in the obtained transition condition information.